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PASSPORT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SAUDI REFUSAL TO VISA U.S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN
JERUSALEM.

REF: CONFIDENTIAL AMMAN 6345

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PROBLEM CONTAINED IN REFTEL
AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE TRAVEL THE
INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE GIVEN A NEW PASSPORT IN ORDER TO
OBTAIN VISA FOR HIS PILGRIMAGE. ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN
SAME SITUATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN NEW PASSPORTS UNTIL
SITUATION IS RESOLVED.

2. ORIGINAL PASSPORT SHOULD EITHER BE CANCELLED, OR
RESTRICTED FOR TRAVEL TO ISRAEL, DEPENDING UPON
CIRCUMSTANCES IN CASE.

3. FOR JIDDA: AS PROBLEM SET FORTH BY EMBASSY DIFFERS
FROM FAILURE TO PERMIT ENTRY OF A PERSON BECAUSE OF STAMPS
PLACED IN U.S. PASSPORT BY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS,
PLEASE OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY AS TO
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WHETHER PROCEDURE OUTLINED REFTEL IS IN FACT CONSIDERED

SAUDI GOVERNMENT POLICY. IN SO DOING YOU MAY WISH TO
REMIND SAG THAT IN MATTERS OF VISAING SAUDI PASSPORTS WE
HAVE FOR YEARS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO ACCOMODATE SAG'S
SPECIAL PROBLEMS, AS IN CASE OF ISSUANCE OF "A" VISAS TO
SAUDI STUDENTS. IF INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO VISA ANY DOCUMENTS

ISSUED IN ISRAEL OR THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARE NOT FORMAL
GOVERNMENT POLICY, REQUEST THAT SAG INFORM ITS EMBASSIES
THAT THEY SHOULD VISA U.S. PASSPORTS REGARDLESS OF PLACE
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